ence and Technology programmes and to oversee the working of Non-Governmental Organisations in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) The Department of Science & Technology (GOI) initiated the Scheme "Assistance for Department of State councils for Science & Technology" during the 6th Plan (1980-85) to facilitate establishment of State Councils for Science & Technology in each State and Union Territory. As on today, all the States and Union Territories have set up State Councils for Science and Technology.

The State Councils for Science & Technology are expected to act as nodal agencies for formulation, planning, coordination, promotion and application of science and technology for the socio-economic development of respective State & Union Territories. They are also expected to assist in preparing State Science and Technology Plans, compilation and dissemination of S&T information and popularisation of science in the States with the involvement of national laboratories, academic institutions and non-governmental organisations. No specific emphasis has been laid down for the State Governments to oversee the working of non-governmental organisations.

Appointment of Competent Authority Under The Delhi Apartment Ownership Act, 1986

1460. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINSTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atention has been drawn to the judgement delivered by the Delhi High Court on March 14, 1993, reported in 51 (1993) DLT 308, in which the argument was accepted that the Competent Authority under the Delhi Apartment Ownership Act, 1986, was not appointed;

(b) whether the L & D.O., who was respondent in the case, apprised the High Court about the Gazette Notification Nos. F. 16(6)/76/L&B/Coord/Vol.III/ 1377 and 1378, appointing the com-petenet Authorities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) Delhi High Court judgement dated 14.3.93 reported in 51 (1993) DLT 308, pertains to suit No. 3967/92 M/s Sagar Apartment Flats Ownership Society Registered & Ors. Vs. M/s Sequoia Constn. Pvt. Ltd. & Ors. wherein the L & DC in the written statement in response to para 5 of the Plaint, admitted the contention of the plaintiff w.r.t. coming into force of the Act through notification which was published in Delhi Gazette, Delhi Admn. dated 10.12.87 relating to coming into force of the Delhi Department Ownership Act, 1986 and appointment of competent authorities thereunder.

Private Participation in Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Sectors.

1461. SHRI O.S. MANIAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the prospect of private participation in urban water supply and sanitation sectors;

(b) if so, whether any private agency has come forward for funding the schemes in these sectors; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal for mobilising funds to provide drinking water to urban areas in the country?

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